

EGREMONT HOUSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

MAY 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by chairman Fred Gordon. Attending were committee members Richard Allen, Judi Goodman, Fred Gordon, Mark Holmes, Bruce Kafenbaum, Elizabeth Keen and Doug Mishkin. Also attending for all or part of the meeting were Egremonters Lisa and Kevin Balestro, Pat Murtagh and Bob Noonan.

Minutes of the meeting of April 6 were approved unanimously.

Fred Gordon reported that the finalized RFP will be posted on May 11 and then sent to Construct, Habitat, Wayfinders, Berkshire Housing Development and CDCSB. It will also be published in the Berkshire Eagle and on two state web sites. Judi Goodman will draft a press release with the help of Mary McGurn and Elizabeth Keen.

Fred Gordon reported that a grant from Mass Works was not available because it only provides grants to town-owned or town-sponsored projects.

Fred Gordon reported that the ADU summary was posted on the town website but was difficult to find. In a discussion of how best to make it available, it was decided to have copies on the entrance table at the town meeting Tuesday.

There was a long discussion of municipal housing trusts and whether Egremont should have one. The committee agreed to urge that proceeds from the short-term rental tax be allocated to a housing trust should Egremont create one.

There was also a discussion about using the annex building for affordable housing. It was agreed that the committee should pursue that possibility.

The committee set Monday, June 6 at 5:00 as the date and time for the next meeting of the committee, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at approximately 6:01.